

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
Olympia, Washington**

To: Psychologists
Managed Care Plans

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Subject: Update for Psychological Testing Certification Requirements

Retroactive to dates of service on and after July 1, 2003, MAA no longer requires providers who bill for neuropsychological testing to be board-certified; however, providers must be able to furnish credentials that demonstrate their expertise to MAA upon request.

Attached are updated replacement pages B.1-B.2 to MAA's Psychologist Billing Instructions, dated October 2003. To obtain this numbered memorandum electronically, go to MAA's website at <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov> (Provider Publications/Fee Schedules link, then select Numbered Memorandums).

Coverage

What is covered?

The Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) reimburses licensed psychologists for:

- Psychological evaluations;
- Developmental testing; and
- Neuropsychological testing.

Psychological Evaluation

[Refer to WAC 388-865-0610]

- A psychological evaluation must include a complete diagnostic history, examination, and assessment. The testing of cognitive processes, visual motor responses, and abstract abilities is accomplished by the combination of several types of testing procedures.
- To receive reimbursement for the evaluation, the psychologist must keep a report in the client's file that contains all of the components of a psychological evaluation including test results and interpretation of results.
- Use **CPT code 96100** when billing for psychological evaluations.
- Up to two (2) units of CPT™ code 96100 are allowed **without prior authorization per client, per lifetime**.
- If additional testing is necessary, psychologists must request additional units of CPT code 96100 through the prior authorization process.

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Developmental Testing


MAA reimburses for developmental testing (CPT codes 96110 and 96111) only when:

- The provider is a psychologist or neuropsychologist; **and**
- The provider has obtained written/fax prior authorization from MAA.

Neuropsychological Testing

MAA reimburses for neuropsychological testing (CPT codes 96115 and 96117) only when:

- The provider is a neuropsychologist; **and**
- The provider has obtained written/fax prior authorization from MAA.

 **Note:** MAA no longer requires providers who bill for neuropsychological testing to be board-certified; however, providers must be able to furnish credentials that demonstrate their expertise upon request.

Obtaining Prior Authorization

Send or fax your request for prior authorization to:

MAA – Division of Medical Management
Attn: Medical Request Coordinator
PO Box 45506
Olympia, WA 98504-5506
FAX: (360) 586-1471

What is not covered?

MAA will ***not*** reimburse for:

- Psychotherapy provided by a psychologist or an ARNP; or
- Continuing care provided by psychologist or by staff employed by the psychologist.

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